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Ladies and Gentlemen:

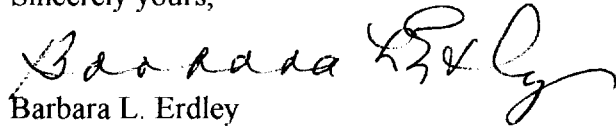
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My husband and I have been reading alot lately about forced molting of hens and we are hoping you will stop this forced procedure - for health and humane reasons. We gave almost stopped eating chicken, except out in the country where the restaurant gets chickens from small farmers.


Also, we'd like to take this opportunity to ask for consideration for stopping antibiotics to promote growth in farm animals. More and more people are patronizing places where factory fed animals are not used and patronizing small farmer outlets where all this does not occur.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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